



RESIDENCY IN CONTACT LENSES

Program Mission Statement:

The mission of the residency program in contact lenses is to impart the necessary training that would enable optometrists to gain a leadership position in contact lens assessment, fitting, and follow up care of the patient.

Program Description

Objectives:

This unique training program in contact lens practice is designed to:

- Train the residents in high-quality contact lens fitting using best practices and advanced technologies in contact lens prescription and care
- Inculcate research skills that would help them conduct research studies in contact lenses that would have far-reaching impact on contact lens practice as well as contact lens wear
- Provide the know-how on all aspects of service delivery, that would extend the acceptance and reach of comprehensive contact lens services

The program offers training in the following areas:

- Fitting of soft and RGP contact lenses for all types of refractive errors include presbyopia, aphakia, ectatic disorders, and post-surgical contact lens fitting
- Specialty contact lens fitting such as Rose K, KeraSoft, Piggyback lens, Hybrid lens, Prosthetic lens, and paediatric aphakic lenses
- Scleral lens fitting for ocular surface disorders, ectatic and irregular corneas
- Independent contact lens practice under the guidance of experienced professionals
- Active participation in conducting clinical studies and gaining experience in the field of cornea-contact lens research, and exploring opportunities to present the research on a national/international platform
- Teaching the subject of contact lenses to undergraduates/interns under the mentorship of an experienced contact lens faculty

Program structure

Program Name	Residency in Contact Lens	Residency in Contact Lens
Duration	One year	Two years
Number of positions available	One seat	One seat
Eligibility criteria	1. Bachelor of Clinical Optometry(B.Optom) with minimum one year clinical experience in dispensing soft and RGP contact lenses 2. Post Graduate Diploma in Optometry and Vision Science (Anterior segment module)	Bachelor of Clinical Optometry (B.Optom) with minimum one year clinical experience in comprehensive optometry
Admission exam	Online written test + practical exam (Candidates who qualify in the written test will be informed)	Online written test
Selection	Merit in the practical exam	Merit in the written test
Fee structure	National: INR 100,000/- International: USD 5600	National: INR 200,000/- International: USD 8400
Stipend	INR 5000/-	INR 5000/-
Requirement	Trainee should bring along one's own Retinoscope, trial frame and two aprons (white coats)	

Program description

Phase 1 (1month / 6months)

- Initial observation sessions in the comprehensive and specialty ophthalmology clinics to understand various ocular conditions that are indications for contact lens wear, and patient referral to the contact lens clinic
- Observation sessions in the contact lens clinic to understand standard operating procedures

Phase 2 (3months / 6months)

- Exposure to Soft, RGP, Rose K2 and Specialty contact lens fitting in different conditions
- To submit a research study proposal for acceptance by the supervisor
- To initiate an extensive literature review on a topic of study

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Phase 3 (4months / 6months)

- Independent practice with the guidance of a senior staff optometrist, gaining confidence in finalizing and decision making in soft and RGP contact lens parameters and dispensing
- Observation sessions in the Scleral lens clinic, learning about indications for Scleral fitting and basics of parameter selection, lens insertion and removal techniques
- Active involvement in the teaching and training program
- Data collection and statistical analysis of the selected research project

Phase 4 (4months / 6months)

- Gaining experience in independently setting up a specialty contact lens practice in one of the centres of LVPEI
- Actively participating in the teaching and training program
- Completing the research project and submitting the written thesis of 20 pages
- Participating in national/international conferences

Admission examination

Program start date	09 March 2020
Application	Log on to www.lvpei.org and follow the steps of application (open the CL residency program in upcoming events)
Application processing fee	Application fee of INR 1000/- paid through demand draft in favour of "Hyderabad Eye Institute" payable at Hyderabad
Last date for application submission	15 February 2020
Online written test	22 February 2020
Practical examination date/time	29 February 2020
Practical examination venue	Contact Lens Clinic, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Banjara Hills Road No. 2, Hyderabad - 500034
Reporting for training	Contact Lens Clinic, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Banjara Hills Road No. 2, Hyderabad - 500034
Accommodation fee	On-campus accommodation is available at a nominal fee of INR 1500/ month. For on campus accommodation, please bring personal bed linen including a mattress and pillow.
Food fee	If a trainee chooses to stay in the hostel, INR 24000/- (USD 335) for 6 months to be paid in advance along with tuition fee
Reporting location	Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences L V Prasad Eye Institute, GPR Campus, Kismathpur Don Bosco Nagar PO, Hyderabad. 500 086, India

Application instructions:

Download the application form from www.lvpei.org

Please refer to application instructions for making the application fee payment by demand draft or online transfer

Attach self-attested copies of all the certificates {(10,10+2 & B.Optom certificate) and work experience letter as per the details in the application form)}

Incomplete applications (for example, failing to attach the required documents to the form) will be disqualified



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